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Information provided by DOT (including Port Authority and the Office of Freight Transportation (6/16/06):

Sears Island Dry Cargo Terminal Marine Resources Baseline Report

- Preliminary SEIS Draft

Sears Island Dry Cargo Terminal Wetland Delineation and Functional Assessment

- Interim Environmental Report

Last Internal Review Draft – Sears Island Cargo Terminal Baseline Wildlife and Wetland Studies – Volume I – Baseline Wildlife Studies & Wildlife Habitat Assessment

Last Internal Review Draft – Sears Island Cargo Terminal Baseline Wildlife and Wetland Studies – Volume II – Appendices to Volume I

Last Internal Review Draft – Sears Island Cargo Terminal Baseline Wildlife and Wetland Baseline Report – Volume III – Wetland Baseline Studies – Preliminary SEIS Draft

Report on Alternative Uses for Sears Island – Prepared by the Sears Island Alternative Uses Committee – August 1, 2005

The Future of Sears Island, Results of a MidCoast Planning Charette – Sponsored by the Islesboro Island Trust

Letter from Senator Damon and Representative Marley to David Cole regarding LD 277, dated June 17, 2005

Chapter 277 – H.P. 202 – LD 277 – An Act regarding the Management and Use of Sears Island – downloaded from State of Maine website – 122nd Legislature

Memorandum of Understanding between Town of Searsport and Maine Department of Transportation for preparation of a Sears Island Use Plan

Consent Decree with related attachments

USEPA letter from Margery Adams, Sr. Asst. Enforcement Council to James Smith Esq. Chief Counsel for DOT dated December 30th, 2003 regarding Consent Decree for Sears Island

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James Smith, Maine DOT Chief Counsel letter to David Cowan of Devine, Tarbell and Associates, dated January 9, 2004 regarding USEPA letter noting the completion of the responsibilities under the Consent Decree

Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit dated 4/20/00 – Migratory Bird Permit

Draft for Review, State of Maine, DEP, NRPA application for Mack Point, Searsport submitted by Maine DOT and Sprague Energy dated December 30, 1999

Maine Integrated Freight Plan – Final Report – Maine DOT by Cambridge Systematics, Inc. – Dated 2/2002

NASTO Freight Service and Investment Study, Final Report, Executive Summary prepared for Maine and NY DOT, by Cambridge Systematics, Inc., August 2002

NASTO Freight Service and Investment Study, Final Report, prepared for Maine and NY DOT, by Cambridge Systematics, Inc., August 2002

Summary of Sears Island Acquisitions by the Maine Department of Transportation
Letter from John Melrose, Maine DOT Commissioner to Paul Lariviere, Division Administrator, FHWA regarding Sears Island Acquisition – dated October 24, 1997 – with exhibits A and B, and Categorical Exclusion signed by FHWA w/cover Letter signed by John Melrose dated October 24 1997 and Memorandum to Richard Spicer, FHWA, from Paul Lariviere, FHWA regarding Transportation Enhancement Project on Sears Island dated November 4 1997 with attachment outlining Sears Island Enhancement project FHWA Guidelines.

Letter from Paul Lariviere, Division Administrator, FHWA to John Melrose, Maine DOT Commissioner regarding Sears Island Enhancement Project – dated July 3 2001.

Letter from John Melrose, Maine DOT Commissioner, to Paul Lariviere, Division Administrator, FHWA dated June 18 2001 regarding use of Enhancement Funds for Sears Island.

Letter from Paul Lariviere, Division Administrator, FHWA to John Melrose, Maine DOT Commissioner regarding Sears Island Enhancement Project – dated November 6 1997

Memo to Kathy Fuller from Brian Nutter dated 2/17/06 regarding Three Port Strategy

Ports and Politics article

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AIMS – Characteristics of Tomorrow’s Successful Port by Michael C. Ircha dated January 2006

Seaports Press Review Article dated 12/5/2005 re Alabama State Port Authority...

Trade and Transportation - A Study of North American Port and Intermodal Systems

Propeller Club Quarterly – Feature Story – Can Anyone Say Short Sea Shipping?

Relief Valve – the Journal of Commerce – December 12, 2005

I-95 Corridor Coalition – Short Sea and Coastal Shipping Options Study – Executive Study, November 2005

2005 Special Seminar for Members of Port Authority Governing Boards and Commissions – AAPA – Where is the Maritime Industry going? What does it mean for your Port – TransSystems, Norfolk Va, 2005

Information provided by Dianne Smith and the Town of Searsport (3/7/06):

The Searsport Comprehensive Plan & Ordinances
Local Zoning Ordinances
“Protect Sears Island” (Updated on June 27, 2006)
An excerpt from “Law in search of geography”

Information provided by Joan Saxe and the Penobscot Bay Alliance (2/27/06):

Video: Tom Seymour

Information provided by Steve Spencer, DOC (3/8/06):

“Searsport development versus environmental preservation: the case of Sears Island, Maine USA”

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Information provided by EMDC (3/20/06):

The Sears Island Cargo Port Report

Proceedings of a Community Forum on “The Sears Island Cargo Project: Finding Common Ground”

Report of the Sears Island Management Advisory Committee: Management Recommendations Memorandum

The Port of Searsport Maine and Belfast, Bucksport, Winterport and Bangor

Port of Searsport with Down East Ports and harbors 1976 (Bicentennial Edition)

Port Agency Options for Sears Island Cargo Port

A Municipal Response Plan for the Industrial Development of Sears Island Report

Welcome to Penobscot bay

Maine Ports – Better Service via the Shortest US Routes to Europe

Maine Tomorrow – An Organizational Plan for the Port of Searsport

The Port of Searsport Maine (with Down East Ports & Harbors) 1973-74

Maine Port Development Study – Port Facility Inventory and Evaluation Volume II, Port Clyde to Eastport

DOT documents on Expenditures for the “Searsport Project”

Information provided by Harlan McLaughlin
Websites

Information provided by Jim Freeman
Letters, memos, articles

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Letter from David Cole to Searsport Board of Selectpersons re: answers to questions of 4/14/05 meeting

Email from Joan Saxe to Anne Crimando & Steve Miller re: Governor's comments at meeting with Sierra Club regarding Sears Island

US Army Corps of Engineers report 6/30/04 re: Feasibility of cargo port on Sears Island

Sitnews article by Andy Kekacs 4/15/05 re: Economic strategy for Maine

Information provided by Steve Miller of the Island Institute

Options for the Future of Sears Island January 26, 2006

Maine Sea Grant Development Projects, Maine Sea Grant Extension Projects, Project Proposal Form

Information provided by Elizabeth Banwell of Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service (6/14/06)

Websites for 3 studies that track, weigh and assess economic gains accrued by not developing land.

1) The Economic Value of Open Space (Implications for Land Use Decisions – October 2005). Other studies to be added.

Information provided by Captain David Gelinas, Penobscot Bay & River Pilots Association (3/17/06):

Copies of three different “sounding sheets” for the Port of Searsport. The information displayed on these sheets was compiled from surveys performed by the Army Corps of Engineers or NOAA.

Giant Sea-bed Pockmarks: Evidence for gas escape from Belfast Bay, Maine - January 1994

Article written by the Maine Geological Survey and the Department of Ecological Sciences

Mapping of sub aqueous, gas related pockmarks in Belfast Bay, Maine using GIS and remote sensing Techniques – August 1999

Thesis

Penobscot Bay Pockmarks – 08/20/02

A survey

The Economic Value of Open Space (Implications for Land Use Decisions – October 2005)

Demonstrating the Economic Benefits of Integrated, Green Infrastructure (Final Report prepared by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – 2003)

Information provided by DOT (6/12/06)

Navigation Improvement Study Expedited Reconnaissance Report Section 905 (b)
Analysis
Searsport Harbor – Searsport, Maine (August 2004)
A draft

Information provided by Steve Miller and the Islesboro Island Trust (6/22/06)

US Army Corps of Engineers New England District's Update Report for Maine
Maine Port Authority map of Sears Island from their website, Chart depicting tonnage flows at all three Maine ports using data found at the DOT website
Copy of the Sears Island Collaborative's Sears Island Options for the future

Information provided by Jay and McCormack Economy (6/23/06)

Website of Irving Park in New Brunswick

Information provided by Nancy-Linn Nellis (6/24/06)

Article: Decline of world's estuaries and coastal seas

Information provided by Janet Parker, GIS Coordinator at the State Planning Office (7/10/06)

Coastal Statistics, miles of shoreline
Sears Island study area (Map)

Information provided by the Board of Waldo County Commissioners: (7/11/06)

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Information provided by Dick Desmarais (7/12/06)

Maine Freight System 2006 – Rail lines, Intermodal facilities, Heavy haul truck network, Airports, Ports

Information provided by DOC: (7/27/06)

The Economic Contributions of Maine State Parks: A Survey of Visitor Characteristics, Perceptions and Spending

Information provided by Anne Crimando: (8/22/06)

Comprehensive Planning Committee Survey

Information provided by John DelVecchio: (9/8/06)

Questions and Answers

Information provided by Ralph Knoll: (9/8/06)

Land for Maine's Future,
Land and Water Conservation Fund
Recreational Trails Program
The Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program

Information provided by Jonathan Daniels: (9/11/06)

Resolution of Support from Piscataquis County Commissioners

Information provided by the Town of Millinocket: (9/11/06)

Support to maintain Sears Island for marine transportation purposes

Information provided by Maria Fuentes: (9/11/06)

Maine Transportation Bond History

Information provided by DOC: (9/14/06)

Recreational Trail Program (RTP)

**Information provided by John Williams, president of Pulp & Paper Association:
(9/25/06)**

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Information provided by the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce: (10/03/06)

Letter

Information provided by William Post, Knox County Commission: (10/13/06)

Resolution of support for Sears Island as an economic development option for Maine's
marine transportation needs

Information provided by Steve Miller: (11/16/06)

The Sears Island Planning Initiative Preservation and Port Affinity Group Draft
Preliminary Sears Island Management Plan